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ABSTRACT

This guide to rearing African American boys offers simple and effective strategies for problem-solving, improving communication, and instilling a positive racial identity. The book draws on strong African American family values and cultural and spiritual strengths. The chapters are: (1) "You Must Act As If It Is Impossible To Fail: Challenges in Raising African American Teenage Sons"; (2) "If We Stand Tall It Is Because We Stand on the Backs of Those Who Came Before Us: African American Families and the Man Child"; (3) "No One Can Uproot the Tree Which God Has Planted: Spirituality and Religion in Raising Our Sons"; (4) "The Bell Rings Loudest in Your Own Home: Positive Parenting, Love, Communication, and Discipline"; (5) "Education Is Your Passport to the Future, for Tomorrow Belongs to the People Who Prepare for It Today"; (6) "When I Discover Who I Am I'll Be Free: Black Kids in White Schools and Communities"; (7) "Our Future Lies Chiefly in Our Own Hands: The Journey to Manhood and Peer Pressure"; (8) "We Cannot Silence the Voices That We Do Not Like Hearing: Rap, Media Influences, and Hoop Dreams"; (9) "Children Make Foolish Choices When They Have Nothing To Lose: Sex and Sexuality"; (10) "A Man Who Stands for Nothing Will Fall for Anything: Drug and Alcohol Abuse"; (11) "Force against Force Equals More Force: Violence and Gangs"; (12) "If You Are on a Road to Nowhere, Find Another Road: Taking Our Sons Back from the Streets"; (13) "The One Who Asks Questions Doesn't Lose His Way: Getting Past the Fear of Counseling"; and (14) "Keep Your Eyes on the Prize. Hold On: A Parent's Survival Guide." Each chapter contains a list of resources. (SLD)

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